

Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET October 24-30, 2012

Temperatures:

During the second dekad of October, temperatures remained below-average throughout the northeast highlands, with more normal to slightly above-average temperatures observed across the rest of the country. For the upcoming outlook period, below normal temperatures are forecast in the northeast mountains with above average temperatures across the northern provinces of the country. The coldest minimum temperatures in the northeast mountains may fall below -15 degrees C.

Precipitation

Increased amounts of precipitation were received during the last week, with the highest weekly precipitation totals (20-40mm) observed in the southeast. During the next week, a return towards drier weather is expected as models suggest lighter amounts of precipitation (5-15mm) along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. In the northeast, a seasonable growth of snow coverage has been observed during late October.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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